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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" Sir, I am not referring to question No. 715. With reference to this question, No. 714, Sir, may I know whether in view of the importance of the question, the Hon. Member will call for the information and place it on the table of the House?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I think if the hon. Member will read paragraph (b) of the question, he will realize how impossible it is, in any reasonable time, to get the information."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know whether at the next meeting at least it would be possible to get the information?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I do not think it would be possible as the next meeting is only three weeks off."

Alleged irregular assignment of communal lands in South Kanara.

* 715 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Achladi Hola in Achladi and Karadi villages in Udipi taluk had been used as communal land by the villages of Achladi, Karadi, Bannadi and Veddarshe from time immemorial for supplying their primary agricultural needs such as green manure, grazing, fuel and small timber for agricultural purposes;

(*b*) whether the said land was reserved for communal use from 1914 onwards as per orders on D.R. Nos. 1295, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1330, 1462, 1463 and Dis. No. 3129/29, dated 28th June 1929, and D.R. No. 250/1338 fasli;

(*c*) whether the same has now been assigned contrary to the said right of the villagers; if so, on what grounds;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that applications for the grant of the remaining portions of the said Hola are pending; and

(*e*) what the policy of the Government is with reference to waste lands enjoyed in common in South Kanara and whether the Government are not going to recognize the said rights?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to his question No. 551 on 29th January 1936. The Government are not in a position to make any statement in the matter.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know if the policy of the Government in regard to communal wastes in South Kanara has changed?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I have no idea that there has been any change of policy at all, Sir."

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur:—" May I know if these lands are registered as porambokes or communal lands in the revenue register?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I think the hon. Member can very easily get that information from the Collector."

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Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" On a point of order, may I know, Sir, whether the idea underlying the answer is that the question is out of order in this House? "

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I do not see any point of order in what the hon. Member said."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" My Hon. Friend said that the answer could be got from the Collector. I asked a question here in this House. I just want to know whether I am out of order here in asking for this information from my Hon. Friend? "

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The hon. Member may not be out of order in asking for the information. The Hon. the Revenue Member is not out of order in referring him to the Collector." (Laughter.)

Protection of Wild Birds and Animals.

Cattle mortality in North Arcot due to wild animals.

* 716 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of cattle killed every year by wild animals in the North Arcot district during the past five years?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 239 on the 29th October 1935, which contains information as to the number of cattle killed during 1932, 1933 and 1934. The Government have no information regarding the number of cattle killed during 1931 and 1935.

Public Service

Communities falling under the category of 'Non-Brahman Hindus' and 'Backward Communities' for purposes of Government service.

* 717 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of all communities in the province treated by the Government as Non-Brahman Hindus for purposes of recruitment to Government service and also their strength; and

(*b*) the names of all communities in the province treated by the Government as backward communities for purposes of recruitment to Government service as well as their strength?

A.—(*a*) The term Non-Brahman Hindus includes all communities other than (1) Brahmans, (2) Muhammadans, (3) Anglo-Indians, (4) Indian Christians, (5) Non-Asiatics, and (6) the Scheduled Classes. The total population of Non-Brahman Hindus in this Presidency is 33,011,454.